

September 7, 1966  
P.O. Box 499  
Sitka, Alaska

Mr. Edward Hanousek, Mayor  
City of Skagway  
Skagway, Alaska

Dear Mr. Hanousek:

I would like to inform you that we recently completed our follow-up work on the Lower Dewey Lake rehabilitation project.

Over-night gill net sets made on the 29th of August took no fish, nor were any observed during shoreline investigations. All indications point to a complete fish eradication.

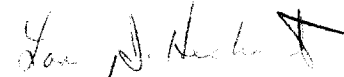
A subsequent week-long toxicity test, using live-boxed fish, indicated that the lake is no longer toxic, and that a stocking program may be initiated. Previously I had stated that fish would not be available for stocking this year, however it now appears that we will be able to make the first plant immediately.

The rainbow which will come from the Fire Lake hatchery in Anchorage will be flown to the lake on Tuesday, September 13, weather permitting. The initial plant will be 12-15,000 rainbow fingerling. This is a stocking that we feel will produce the best fish in the shortest period of time for Skagway anglers, and pan-sized fish should be available by the end of next summer.

The stocking program will continue until the population is able to maintain itself through natural reproduction, a period of two to three years.

I would like to thank you and the people of Skagway for the excellent cooperation and assistance recieved during the Dewey lake rehabilitation, and subsequent periods of investigation throughout the summer.

Sincerely yours,



Larry J. Heckart  
Area Mgt. Biologist

cc: Roger Wadman, ADF&G, Juneau